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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideyoshi HORIMAI

Group Art Unit: 2872

Application No.: 09/601,702

Examiner: A. Lavarias

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Docket No.: 106357

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR RECORDING AND REPRODUCING OPTICAL  
INFORMATION (AS AMENDED)

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the May 13, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**